

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3 and ending on page 1, line 14 with the following paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/071,554, filed February 8, 2002, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATING BETWEEN PRINTER AND CARD SUPPLY", and issued February 24, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,694,884, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/489,591, filed January 21, 2000 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATING BETWEEN PRINTER OR LAMINATOR AND SUPPLIES", and issued as Patent No. 6,386,772 on May 14, 2002, which in turn claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/117,123, filed January 25, 1999.